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Via Email

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

On April 15th, this office received your request for information related to missing persons investigative files. After reviewing the request, this office is unable to provide you with the records. Tennessee's Public Records Act provides that "[a]ll state, county and municipal records shall, at all times during business hours...be open for personal inspection by *any citizen of this state*, and those in charge of the records shall not refuse such right of inspection to any citizen, unless otherwise provided by state law." Tenn. Code Ann. §10-7-503(a)(2)(A). From the information you provided in your request, it cannot be determined that you are citizen of Tennessee.

Further, T.C.A. §10-7-504(2)(A) provides in part, "All investigative records of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation...shall be treated as confidential and shall not be open to inspection by members of the public. The information contained in such records shall be disclosed to the public only in compliance with a subpoena or an order of a court of record." In addition to this general confidentiality requirement, TBI records are subject to specific restrictions on their release as otherwise provided by state and federal law. One such restriction is the release of National Crime Information Center records.

Accordingly, your request is respectfully denied.

Sincerely,

TBI Professional Standards Unit

